

SAMOAN ITEMS.

(From the Samoan weekly Herald.)

The Chief Justice has received information that the King of Sweden consents to his release from office as soon as the Three Powers have officially notified their acquiescence.

The Imperial German warship Bussard, Captain Eichtenhofer, arrived in Apia harbor on Tuesday afternoon. She left Sydney early in April and proceeded to Matupi, New Britain, where she remained till the 10th of May, sailing thence to Jaluit, in the Marshall group, whence she departed on the 23d June for Samoa. Herr J. Gerdzen, director of the Jaluit Gesellschaft, was a passenger during the latter part of the trip. The Bussard will remain here about five weeks and then return to Sydney.

It is stated that the Collector of Customs, Mr. O. Martin, will resign his post at an early date and leave Samoa for Australia.

LONDON, June 15.—The Australian mails by the Miowera reached Montreal yesterday, and are due at Southampton on the 22d inst.

PARIS, June 13.—The estimates include a vote for the construction of thirty-two new warships.

In Dutch law a contract entered into in a tavern is not valid unless ratified within 24 hours.

The first lottery mentioned in history took place at the western door of St. Paul's Cathedral in 1569.

There is a dwarf in Switzerland who is said to be 110 years old, and can still climb the highest tree in the neighborhood.

It is computed that if a man were as strong of muscle in proportion as a flea, he could shoulder a 50-ton locomotive and carry it from New York to San Francisco without rest.

The largest gold nugget ever found in Colorado weighed thirteen pounds, the largest in the United States weighed 151 pounds and six ounces, and the largest in the world 223 pounds and 4 ounces.

The City of Banian, in Great Bacharia, is cut in the side of a mountain. There are 12,000 artificial caves, some very large, and two statues, one 90, the other 20 feet high, each hewn from a single stone.

It is said that when Benjamin Franklin proposed to start a newspaper his mother tried to dissuade him from it because she said there were already two papers in America and there was no room for another.

A drawing of Charles I's head in St. John's College, Oxford, presents at a short distance the appearance of engraved lines, but on close inspection these lines are found to contain the Psalms, creed and the Lord's prayer.

Probably the highest tombstone in the world is that of the late Henry Scarlett, of Upson Co., Ga. Years before Mr. Scarlett's death he selected a monster boulder—a miniature mountain of granite, 100 feet by 350 in dimensions—and when he died this huge tombstone was placed over his grave.

An English horticulturist having recorded twelve pounds as the average weight produced by a single tomato plant, raised under glass, an American authority declares that he "should not be surprised if fifty pounds would not be an average for a plant under favorable circumstances in America."

Skim milk and whey are utilized in Sweden for "lactoserin," a portable article of food rich in nitrogenous material. Curds are prepared by adding rennet, and these are pressed, dried in an oven and afterward ground. The product is prepared in several forms, varying with the proportions of skim milk and whey.

The American papers report that in the transit of the big Samoan canoe by rail to Chicago, some vandals stole the shells which adorned it, while over 3000 names were written in lead-pencil and sometimes cut in the wood. Manager H. J. Moors was furious over the mutilation of the boat, and complained a great deal about it. The canoe, full of Samoan warriors in their native costumes, will be launched on the lake during the summer.

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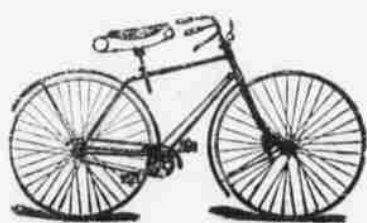
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